

KINGTON URBAN DISTRICT

HEREFORDSHIRE.



Annual Report
on the state of the Public Health
for the Year 1943.



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DEPARTMENT.

Medical Officer of Health:

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Clerk in Northern Area Medical Office:

B. J. Scandrett. (On War Service from 1939).

Temporary Clerk: Miss D. M. J. Bramfitt.

Sanitary Inspector: R. P. Morris, A.R.S.I., Westfield, Kington.
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*To the Chairman and Members of the
Kington Urban District Council.*

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for the Year 1943.

Throughout the year the health of the community has continued to be remarkably good and no major outbreaks of notifiable or non-notifiable disease occurred.

Your Sanitary Inspector and I maintain close co-operation on all matters affecting the health of the community. I am happy to acknowledge again my appreciation of the thorough manner in which he discharges the duties of his position, for this contributes, in no small measure, to the effective execution, under war-time conditions, of the Health Services of the Council.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

I. F. MACKENZIE,

Acting Area Medical Officer of Health

20th May, 1944.

SECTION A.—STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA:

Area (in Acres)	...	...	...	...	...	857
Number of inhabited houses (end of 1943) according to Rate Books	...	...	...	...	...	541
Rateable Value...	...	...	...	...	...	£8,805
Sum represented by a penny rate	...	...	...	...	...	£35/6/10

Extract from Vital Statistics of the Year:

<i>Birth Rate</i> (per 1,000 of the estimated resident population)	...	11.8
<i>Stillbirth Rate</i> (per 1,000 live and still births)	...	40.0
<i>Death Rate</i> (per 1,000 of estimated resident population)	...	13.3
<i>Infantile Mortality Rate</i> (per 1,000 live births)	...	0.0
<i>Deaths from Puerperal Causes:</i> No deaths in 1943 were attributable to puerperal or other maternal causes.		

Comparable Data for England and Wales 1943.

Birth Rate.	Still Birth Rate.	Death Rate.	Infantile Mortality Rate.
16.5.	0.5.	12.1.	49.

SECTION B.—GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA:

Laboratory Facilities:

Laboratory facilities continued to be available at the County Public Health Laboratory, Hereford, which, for the duration of the war, is under the administration of the Medical Research Council.

Clinics: There are none provided by the authority.

Under a County Council Scheme there is one Clinic conducted within the Urban District. It is a Child Welfare Centre which is open at 2-30 p.m. on alternate Tuesdays.

The nearest Venereal Diseases Clinic is at the County Council Hospital, Hereford.

I am indebted to Mr. R. P. Morris, Sanitary Inspector to the Council, for the following statement (Sections C. to E.) furnished under Article 27 (Sub-Section 18) of the Sanitary Officers (outside London) Regulations.

SECTION C.—SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES THE AREA.

Water: Sampling.

The water supply is obtained from a Spring at the Crooked Well. It comes direct from rock and is conveyed by pipe to the Pumping Station and then pumped to Reservoirs at top of the Town.

The water does not vary in quality. Samples are taken from different parts of the Town and there is no trace of pollution. The supply has been efficient during the year.

Drainage and Sewerage.

A small number of drains have been relaid. No extra sewer has been needed. Sewer ventilators have been attended to.

Rivers and Streams.

The effluent from the sewage works (which is discharged into a brook flowing to the River Arrow) has improved during the year as a result of the alterations carried out on the filter beds and still further improvement is expected.

Refuse Disposal.

This takes the form of incineration which is carried out in a building on the Sewage Disposal site. The ashes are cleared occasionally for filling in where road work is in progress.

Sanitary Inspection.

Inspection of the area is being continually made and defects noted. Owners of the property are then approached and in most cases there is little difficulty in having the necessary work carried out.

Defective Drains repaired ...	...	...	...	12
Water Closets repaired ...	...	...	...	8
Drain traps renewed ...	...	...	...	10
Sinks repaired ...	...	...	...	5
New Sinks provided ...	...	...	...	3
Defective water taps repaired ...	...	...	...	20

Defects of roofs and buildings have received such attention as was possible, it having to be borne in mind that extensive work is not possible on account of shortage of labour.

Notices Issued.

Informal ...	...	...	...	...	44
Statutory ...	...	...	...	...	2

Factories and Workshops.

Factories—Those situated within the area have been inspected but no defects were observed.

Workshops.—52 visits have been made. Premises are kept in a clean and satisfactory manner.

Camping Sites.

Camping does not exist on a large scale. No sites are registered.

Bed Bugs.

Two cases were reported during the year. Disinfestation was carried out on the premises with satisfactory results.

SECTION D.—HOUSING.

Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year:

1. (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects under Public Health and Housing Acts ... 28
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... 28
2. Number of dwelling houses found not to be, in all respects, reasonably fit for human habitation ... 22

Action under Statutory Powers during the Year:

Proceedings under Public Health Acts ...	Nil
Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ...	Nil
Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:	
(a) By Owners ...	22
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners ...	Nil

Van Dwellings: There are none within the area.

SECTION E.—INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Food Premises.

Routine inspections are carried out. During the year these amounted to 145 inspections. The general standard of cleanliness is good.

Foods Surrendered.

The undermentioned foods were surrendered during the year:

<i>Tinned Foods:</i>	<i>Other Foods:</i>
Luncheon meat, 58 tins.	Fresh and dried fish, 1 Cwt.
Condensed milk, 47 tins.	Potatoes ... Nil.
Preserves ... 72 tins.	Bacon and ham ... Nil.
Fish ... 8 tins.	Mutton ... 18 lbs.

Food found to be unfit for human consumption.

All food found unfit for human or animal consumption is taken to the Destructor and burnt.

SECTION F.—PREVALENCE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

Kington again remained remarkably free from infectious disease. Of the common infectious diseases, notifications were restricted to Measles (27 cases) and Whooping Cough (1 case).

The Urban District Council's arrangement with the Isolation Hospital Authority for the in-patient treatment of Scarlet Fever and Diphtheria did not therefore require to be utilised during the year.

Section F.—Continued.

Analysis of Total Notified Cases according to age:

DISEASE.	Age of Patient.													Total
	0-1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-6	6-7	7-10	10-15	15-20	20-30	30-40	Over 40	
Measles	1	✓	✓	3	5	10	4	2	1	✓	✓	1	✓	27
Whooping Cough	✓	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	1

Diphtheria Immunisation.

The state of Immunisation of the child population of the district at the end of 1943 is indicated in the table below.

Under 5 years of age.

Between 5 and 15 years
of age.

Number.	Percentage of Group.	Number.	Percentage of Group.
144	88.8 %	347	99.9 %

Tuberculosis.

At the end of 1943 the Tuberculosis Register contained the names of 6 males and 9 females who normally reside in the Council's area.

During the year 1 new case was notified on account of Pulmonary Tuberculosis. During the same period no deaths of persons suffering from Tuberculosis occurred.

CAUSES OF DEATH (all ages).

Disease.	Male.	Female	Total.
Influenza	1	—	1
Cancer (all forms)	3	4	7
Diseases of Heart and Arteries ...	4	9	13
Bronchitis	2	1	3
Nephritis	—	1	1
All Other Causes	1	1	2
Total	11	16	27

